Metropolitan Community Church
of Pensacola

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Opening Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Psalm 22
L: My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me?
P: Why Art thou so far from helping me?
L: O my God, I cry by day, but thou dost not answer;
P: And by night, but find no rest.
L: Yet thou art holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
P: In thee our fathers trusted; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
L: To thee they cried and were saved.
P: In thee they trusted and were not disappointed.
L: All who see me mock at me, they make mouths at me, they wag their heads.
P: "He committed his cause unto the Lord; Let God deliver him.
L: Let God rescue him, for the Lord delights in him."
P: They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment they cast lots.
L: But thou, O Lord, be not far off. O thou my help, hasten to my aid
P: I will tell of thy name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee.
L: You who fear the Lord, parise God. Sons and daughters of Jacob and Rachel, glorify God.
P: God has not despised or abhorred the affiction of the afflicted.
L: God has not been hidden from him but has heard when he cried to the Lord.
P: From thee comes our praise, our vows will we pay before thee.
L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
P: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and God rules over the nations.

Hymn: My faith looks up to Thee. Vs. 1,2,4

Prayer of Confession: Holy God: Your mercy is more than our minds can measure; your love outlasts our sin. Forgive our guilt and fear and angers. We pass by those in distess and are cruel to the needy. We are quick to blame others, slow in making up, and our resentments fester. Have mercy on us, God, have mercy on us who blindly live our lives, for we do not know what we are doing. Destroy sin and sick pride, and renew us by the love of Christ who was cricified, and died for us. Amen.

Isaiah 53: 1-12 Responsive Reading

Pastoral Prayer

I Peter 2:21, 24-25 and the Lord's Prayer
L: For hereunto were you called: Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in Jesus' steps.
P: Who bore our sins by death upon a tree, that we, being dead to sin should live unto righteousness.
L: By whose stripes you are healed.
P: For we were as sheep going astray.
Tog: But are now returned unto the shepherd of our souls.

Hymn: Old Rugged Cross

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

FIRST WORD: "Creator, forgive them, they know not what they do."
Luke 23:33-34

Silent Meditation

SECOND WORD: "This Day Shalt Thou Be With Me in Paradise."
Luke 23: 35-43

Silent Meditation

THIRD WORD: "Woman Behold thy Son; Son Behold Thy Mother."
John 20: 25-27

Silent Meditation

FOURTH WORD: "I Thirst."
John 20: 28-29

Silent Meditation

FIFTH WORD: "My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me."
Matthew 27: 45-47

Silent Meditation

SIXTH WORD: "It is Finished."
John 20:30

Silent Meditation

SEVENTH WORD: "Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit."
Luke 23: 44-47

Silent Meditation

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Offering
Offertory:

Good Friday Meditation Rev. Ragona

Hymn:

Prayer of Thanksgiving:
Great God, we thank you for Jesus, who was punished for our sins, and suffered shameful death to rescue us. We praise you for the trust we have in Jesus, for mercy undeserved, for love you pour out for us and for all humanity. Give us gratitude, O God, and a great desire to serve you by taking our cross and following in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: Amazing Grace #

Benediction: Now unto the one who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of God's glory with thanksgiving, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

LENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 21, 1982:
Attendance -- 27
Offering -- $162.10

February 14, 1982:
Attendance -- 44
Offering -- $190.00

February 7, 1982:
Attendance -- 54
Offering -- $228.60

Wednesday, February 17, 1982:
Offering -- $23.00

Wednesday, February 10, 1982:
Offering -- $16.00

Wednesday, February 3, 1982:
No Offering

GAY A.A. meets at the church on Sunday's at 5:00 P.M.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!!!! If you have any to donate please see Betty.

WEDNESDAY's will be Lenten Services here at the church

REV. ARTHUR FLEISHNER will delivering tonight's message.

CHOIR PRACTICE is every Sunday at 5:45 P.M., See George.

IF YOU HAVE ANY TYPE MUSICAL TALENT, play an instrument, sing, can read music, please contact George.

EVENING WORSHIP

SINGSPIRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: Selection 45 P.627

OPENING HYMN: Day is Dying in the West #83

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE : I Peter 2:1-10

SERMON: HOW DO WE BUILD NOW? Rev. Ragona

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE: Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

RESPONSE: We give thee but thine own
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God, from thee. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: Break Now The Bread of Life AH 13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: See the Morning Worship

BREAKING OF BREAD/BLESSING OF THE CUP

SUNG THANKSGIVING

Now our God is with us let us make thanksgiving
For the joy within us living.
In this holy temple, at this holy table,
Hope and life God will enable.
Now we leave and believe
That God will restore us for the work before us.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Christ for the World We Sing AH 11

BENEDICTION

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Please stay and have coffee and conversation with us after the service.

A study of inclusive language and feminist theology will begin the Sunday after Easter, following morning worship, so that those who live far out can attend.

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PENSACOLA
510 Massachusetts Avenue Pensacola, Fl. 32505
Rev. Marge Ragona, Pastor Phone: 433-8528
MARCH 25,1984 Third Sunday in Lent

DEDICATION

WE OFFER THIS SERVICE IN MEMORY OF THE
REV. DON JOHNSON

SINGSPIRATION PREPARING HYMN - #529

CALL TO WORSHIP: L: O come, let us sing unto our God: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
P: Let us come before Gods presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise with psalms.
L: O come, let us worship and praise our Creator.
P: O sing unto our God a new song for all the earth.
L: Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar and the fulness thereof;
Unison: Let the field be joyful and all the trees of the wood rejoice. Praise our Creator who shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.

OPENING HYMN: Our God Has Made This World # 2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - GREETING OF VISITORS

SCRIPTURE: JOB 1:1-22
JOHN 14:16-21

GLORIA: All glory to the Spirit, All hail the great I AM
All power to our God supreme, whose name is peace and love. Amen.

SERMON: J.B. - FINDING COMFORT IN OUR GOD Steve

SPECIAL MUSIC: TRUST AND OBEY DAVID

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
RESPONSE: HEAR OUR PRAYERS, O GOD

----------CHOIR SPECIAL----------

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY: O God, our Hope, we praise thee
For thy peaceful Dove.
O God, our Strength, we thank thee
For thy gifts of love. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus # 351

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: QUIET MEDITATION

LOVING PARENT, WE PRAISE YOU AND ACCEPT THIS GOSPEL YOU'VE GIVEN US. BEING HUMANKIND, WE ARE FULL OF WEAKNESS AND OFTEN SHUN YOU. YOU HAVE NEVER TURNED YOUR BACK TO US, WHEN WE ARE WEAK, GIVE US STRENGTH. WHEN WE ARE DOWN, RAISE US UP. WHEN WE ARE FULL OF DOUBT, GIVE US COMFORT IN YOUR PRESENCE. JUDGE US WITH MERCY AND UNDERSTANDING, O GOD, FORGIVE OUR SINS, IN THE NAME OF OUR SAVIOUR-REDEEMER, JESUS...WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY (SINGING, "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

L: GOD BE WITH YOU.
P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.
L: LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.
P: WE LIFT THEM UP TO GOD.
L: LET US GIVE THANKS.
P: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

SANCTUS (sung): HOLY, HOLY, HOLY GOD OF POWER AND GRACE: HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH: CHRIST HAS DIED.
CHRIST HAS RISEN.
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING: HOW GREAT THOU ART! # 10
(verses 1 AND 4)

CLOSING HYMN: ALL ARE ONE IN CHRIST AH# 105

BENEDICTION: PLEASE JOIN ME IN READING
ISAIAH 40:31
THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP ON WINGS AS EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY; AND THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT.

L: PEACE GO WITH YOU.
P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

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9th Sunday After Pentecost August 16, 1981

CALL TO WORSHIP: L: Teach me, O God, your way that I may walk in your truth.

P: Direct my heart that I may fear your name.

L: I will give thanks to you, O my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

P: Great has been your kindness toward me, and you have rescued me from the depths.

L: O God, the powerful rise against us and the fierce seek our lives.

P: But you, O God are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy and faithfulness.

L: Turn to us and have pity on us; give stregth to those who serve you and save those who wait upon you.

P: Let me see your favor, that others may know that you have helped and comforted me.

OPENING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #38
(Please follow the instructions given.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 7:18-22
Romans 8: 26-27
Matthew 13: 24-40

HYMN: I Love To Tell the Story #149

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
RESPONSE: Hear Our Prayers, O God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise One God, Christ and Holy Ghost, Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: Here, O My Lord #326

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God of Mercy, receive our confession, for we have accepted your goodness and given you no thanks; we have fought against the discipline of your love; we have played at worship, and tried to bribe you with our prayers. We have been afraid of your presence and hidden from you in a thousand ways. We have run from your redemption. Pity us, O God; hold us patiently, until in our hearts we know that we are yours forever, and we become aware of the light beyond the darkness; we receive your strength and have new hope; we are held in your mercy and are at peace. In the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying " Our..."

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

L: God be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to God.
L: Let us give thanks.
P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy God of power and grace. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed in the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

THE MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SUNG THANKSGIVING: Now our God is with us,
Let us make thanksgiving
For the joy within us living.
In this holy temple, at this holy table,
Hope and life God will enable.
Now we leave and believe that God will restore us
For the work before us.

CLOSING HYMN: Sing Them Over Again To Me #109

BENEDICTION

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It is good to be home from conference and with you this Sunday. Next Sunday we hope to have a report from our delegate and alternate.

New members will be received next Sunday.

Metropolitan Community Church

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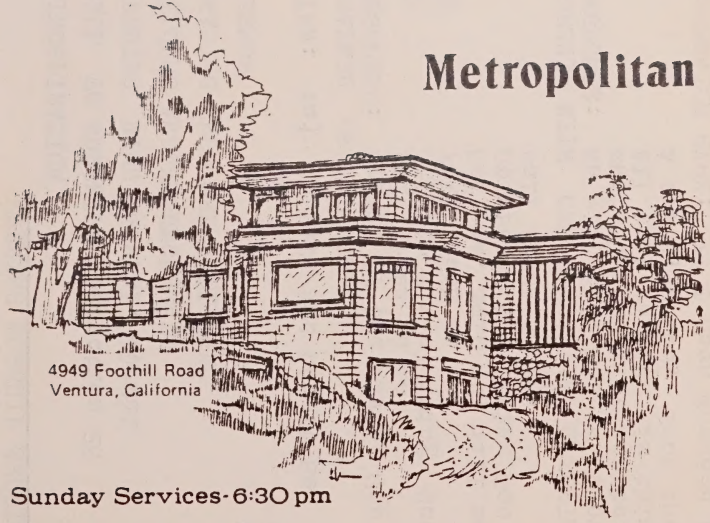

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Sunday Services-6:30 pm

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EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

SINGSPIRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: Selection 28 P.617

OPENING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful AH 1

WELCOME ANDANNOUNCEMENTS

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

SERMON Mr. Steve Urie
Student Clergy

HYMN: Take My Life and Let It Be AH 6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
RESPONSE: Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me.

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
RESPONSE: We give thee but thine own
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God, from thee. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: If I Have Wounded Any Soul AH 120

BREAKING OF BREAD/BLESSING OF THE CUP

SUNG THANKSGIVING
Now our God is with us let us make thanksgiving
For the joy within us living.
In this holy temple, at this holy table,
Hope and life God will enable.
Now we leave and believe that God will restore us
For the work before us. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Since Jesus Came Into My Heart AH 20

BENEDICTION

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Pastor: Rev. Marge Ragona
Student Clergy: Steve Urie
Angel Palma
Head Deacon: Terry Douglas
Deacons Larry Hauffe
J.D. Richards

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Please stay and have coffee with us.

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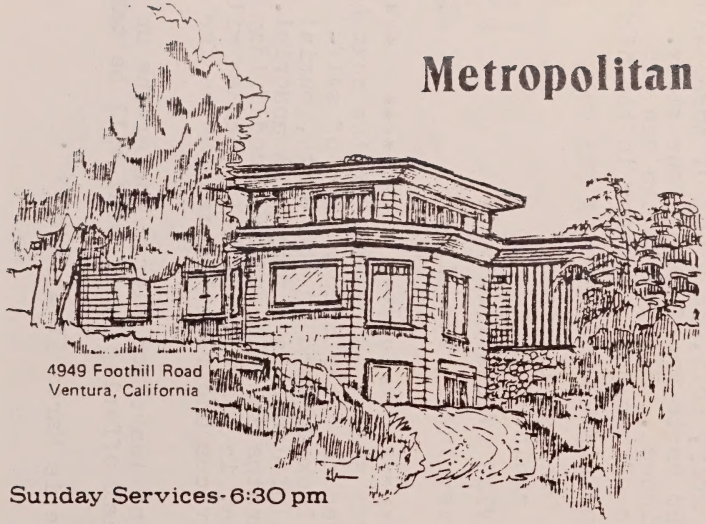

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March 10, 1984 First Sunday in Lent

SINGSPIRATION PREPARING HYMN -- # 361

CALL TO WORSHIP: L: Out of the depths I cry to you O God; Hear my voice!

P: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

L: If you, O God, mark iniquities, who can stand?

P: But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

L: I trust in God; my soul trusts in the word of God.

P: My soul waits for God more than sentinels wait for the dawn.

L: Let us wait for God, for God is filled with kindness and with God is plentiful redemption.

P: God will redeem us from all iniquity. Praise ye our God. (from Psalm 130)

OPENING HYMN: From All That Dwell AH 3

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-GREETING OF VISITORS

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:7-9,15-17,3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

GLORIA: [illegible]
All glory to the Spirit, All hail the great I AM
All power to our God supreme, whose name is peace and love. Amen.

SERMON: What Am I Offered? Rev. Ragona

SERMON: Stand By Me AH 25

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
RESPONSE: Hear Our Prayers, O God

----------SPECIAL MUSIC ----------

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY: O God, our Hope, we praise thee
For thy peaceful Dove.
O God, our Strength, we thank thee
For thy gifts of love. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: Just A Closer Walk With Thee AH 19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God, we confess that it is difficult for us to confess the fault in us. Sometimes it seems as though we have abandoned you totally. Sometimes we wish you were not God, that you were bland and innocuous. We would prefer you to be zero. We admire our pride, wage our wars, play our games -- and wish we did not know that you see through us. Stop us from the whirl and agony of our sin, crush us in our pride, and teach us that when we are broken -- as was Christ -- that we are nearest to you. Make a new way among our various ways, and let us know that you are on the way with us -- a way to salvation and new life in Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying. (Here we customarily sing, "The Lord's Prayer.")

L: God be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them up to God.
L: Let us give thanks.
P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (sung): Holy, holy, holy God of power and grace: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest

THE BREAKING OF BREAD/THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING (Verse 1 only) #10

CLOSING HYMN: Stepping in the Light #331

BENEDICTION

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TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. For the next 40 days, we are asked to enter into a time of self-examination and look forward to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in a prayerful memorial. The season culminates in Palm Sunday, Good Friday and with new hope, in Easter. In Holy Week we will have special services and remembrances, watch for them.

The pastor and Pat leave for Clergy Conference on Friday. A special offering for travel will be taken today.

Flea Market date is March 31 at the T&W.

Service
for the
Ordination
of
Michael Francis Seider
to the
Unitarian Universalist Ministry

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of Mobile ~ 4 P.M.

Pensacola Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship ~ 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, April 29, 1984

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

"My Heart Is Ever Faithful" — J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Church of the Free Spirit" #254 — Lyttle-Dykes

CANDLE LIGHTING — Barbara Goggins
Social Activities Committee Chair

MAY THE LIGHT WE KINDLE
INSPIRE US TO USE OUR POWERS
TO HEAL AND NOT TO HARM,
TO HELP AND NOT TO HINDER,
TO BLESS AND NOT TO CURSE,
TO SERVE.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS — Bob Haywood
President of the Fellowship

THOUGHTS ON ORDINATION — Nancy Kuykendall
Religious Education Director

READING — Art deTonnancourt
Trustee-At-Large

from "Self-Reliance", Ralph Waldo Emerson

SERMON — Rev. William Holway
Associate Director of Extension
Unitarian Universalist Association

"Ministry: Affirmation, Affection, and Authenticity"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Austrian Hymn" — Hayden

ACT OF ORDINATION — The Congregation and Bob Haywood

Bob Haywood: In our free, liberal religious tradition, the power to ordain persons to the ministry resides solely with each autonomous congregation. The act of ordaining Michael Seider to the ministry is the privilege and task of the members of this fellowship, today.

The rite of ordination acknowledges and affirms the training, gifts, and commitment that qualify a person for professional religious leadership within the Unitarian Universalist Association and within the larger human community. After ordination, the minister remains an equal in a community of equals. As equals, we expect our ministers to lead us on some occasions and to follow on others. We invite our ministers to share with us in the service and witness of our common liberal religious ministry.

We extend these invitations to Michael on this occasion.

Congregation: CELEBRATE WITH US THE MEANING AND VALUE FOUND IN OUR LIVES. SHARE YOUR STRENGTH WITH US IN TIME OF OUR NEED AND LOSS. ACCEPT OUR STRENGTH IN RETURN. DRINK WITH US FROM THE RICH HERITAGE OF THE RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS. EXPLORE WITH US THE GROWING EDGES OF OUR LIVES.

SUPPORT AND DEFEND WITH US OUR RIGHT TO DISCOVER OUR TRUE RELIGIOUS NEEDS AND OUR RIGHT TO SEEK TO FULFILL THOSE NEEDS AS WE FIND THAT WE MUST.

ACHE WITH US FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE. HELP US SERVE THE LARGER COMMUNITY. JOIN WITH US IN REACHING OUT TO THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING THE GIFTS THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER.

WORK WITH US ON THE DAY-TO-DAY CARE OF OUR SOCIETY. INSPIRE AND EMPOWER US WHEN YOU ARE ABLE. ACCEPT OUR INSPIRATION AND EMPOWERMENT.

FORGIVE WITH US OURSELVES AND OTHERS WHEN WE MISS THE MARK, AND WITH US TEACH THE ART OF TAKING BETTER AIM.

Bob Haywood: Michael, yours is a free pulpit. Among us, and wherever you may be called to serve, we would have you lovingly speak the truth, as you honestly understand it, setting forth no less by your example than by your precept our liberal faith and practice.

Congregation: MICHAEL FRANCIS SEIDER, WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE PENSACOLA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP, ACCEPTING OUR RIGHT, AND AFFIRMING YOUR COMMITMENT AND COMPETENCY, ORDAIN YOU TO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST MINISTRY.

Michael Seider: Mindful of its privileges and its responsibilities, I take up this ministry. I pledge to lovingly speak the truth as I understand it, to discern the right in all its complexity, to promote justice, and to nurture compassion. I ask you to strengthen and sustain me, even as I am called to minister to others.

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

Rev. Craig Moro
YRUU Adult Advisor
Pacific Central District

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Robert Hill
Extension Consultant
Unitarian Universalist Association

CHARGE FROM THE COMMUNITY — Rev. William Heck

New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Pensacola

WELCOME TO THE MINISTRY — Rev. Arthur Curtis

Auburn Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Montgomery

HYMN

"The Call" #123 — Herbert-Vaughn Williams

COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE!
SUCH A WAY AS GIVES US BREATH,
SUCH A TRUTH AS ENDS ALL STRIFE,
SUCH A LIFE AS KILLETH DEATH!

COME, MY LIGHT, MY FEAST, MY STRENGTH!
SUCH A LIGHT AS SHOWS A FEAST,
SUCH A FEAST AS MENDS IN LENGTH,
SUCH A STRENGTH AS MAKES US GUESTS!

COME, MY JOY, MY LOVE, MY HEART!
SUCH A JOY AS NONE CAN MOVE,
SUCH A LOVE AS NONE CAN PART,
SUCH A HEART AS JOYS IN LOVE!

BENEDICTION — Rev. Michael Seider

POSTLUDE

"Hymn to Joy" — Beethoven

Everyone is invited to the reception following the service.

Musical offerings and piano accompaniment

Pheane Ross

CALL TO WORSHIP - FROM PSALM 67

L. MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON US and bless us; may God's face shine upon us.

P. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation

L: May all the peoples praise you; may all nations be glad and exult because you rule the earth in equity.

P. May all the peoples praise you; because you guide all the nations of the earth.

L. the earth has yielded its fruits; God, our God, has blessed us.

P. May God bless us; and may all the ends of the earth stand ~~in~~ awe of our God.

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God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, adapted
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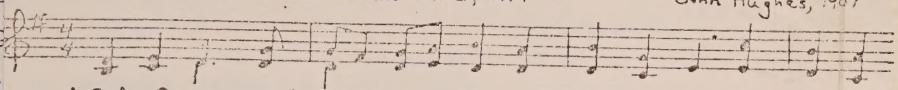
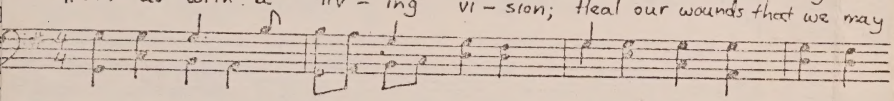
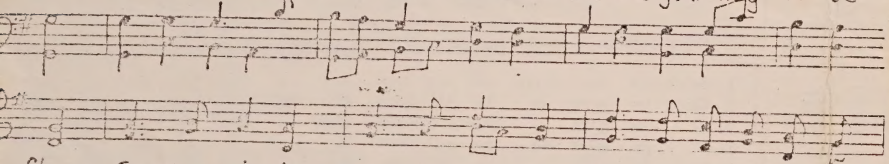
John Hughes, 1907



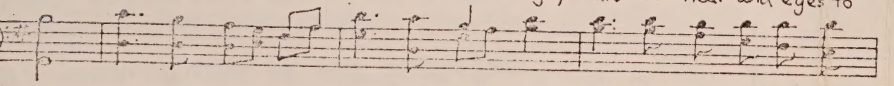
1. God of grace and God of glo-ry, On thy peo-ple pour thy
2. Lo! the hosts of e-vil round us Scorn thy Christ, as-sail your
3. Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness; Bend our pride to thy con-
4. Fill us with a liv-ing vi-sion; Heal our wounds that we may



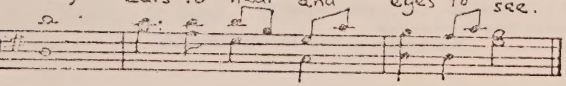
power; Crown thine an-cient church's sto-ry; Bring its bud to glo-rious
ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and
trol; Shaine our wan-ton, self-ish glad-ness, Rich in things and poor in
be Bound as one be-yond di-vi-sion In the jour-ney to be



flower. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour-age, For the fac-ing of this
praise. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour-age, For the liv-ing of these
soul. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour-age, Lest we miss your peace-ful
free. Grant us wis-dom, Grant us cour-age, Ears to hear and eyes to



hour, For the fac-ing of this hour.
days, For the liv-ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss your peace-ful goal.
see, Ears to hear and eyes to see.



5. Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

The Church Within Us

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Alt. by Donald P. Hustad

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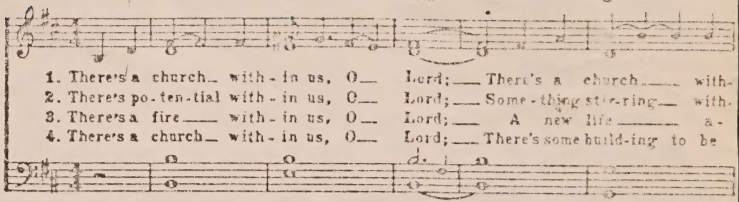
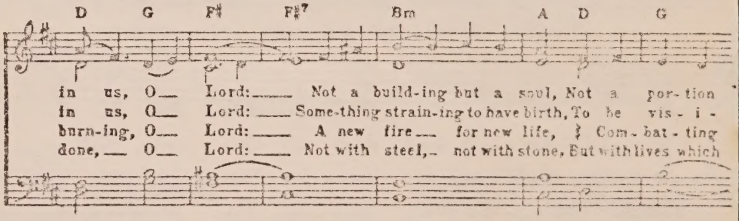
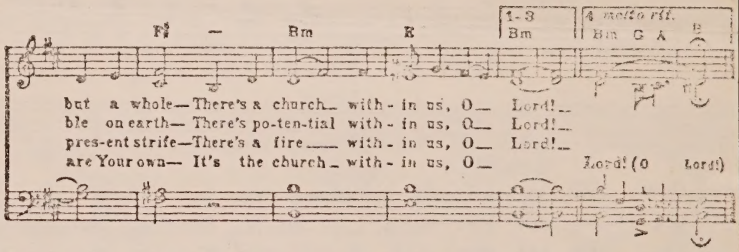


1. There's a church with-in us, O Lord; There's a church with-
2. There's po-ten-tial with-in us, O Lord; Some-thing stir-ring with-
3. There's a fire with-in us, O Lord; A new life a-
4. There's a church with-in us, O Lord; There's some build-ing to be



in us, O Lord: Not a build-ing but a soul, Not a por-tion
in us, O Lord: Some-thing strain-ing to have birth, To be vis-i-
burn-ing, O Lord: A new fire for new life, } Com-bat-ting
done, O Lord: Not with steel, not with stone, But with lives which



but a whole—There's a church with-in us, O Lord!
ble on earth—There's po-ten-tial with-in us, O Lord!
pres-ent strife—There's a fire with-in us, O Lord!
are Your own—It's the church with-in us, O Lord! (O Lord!)

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Lead On, O Cloud of Yahweh

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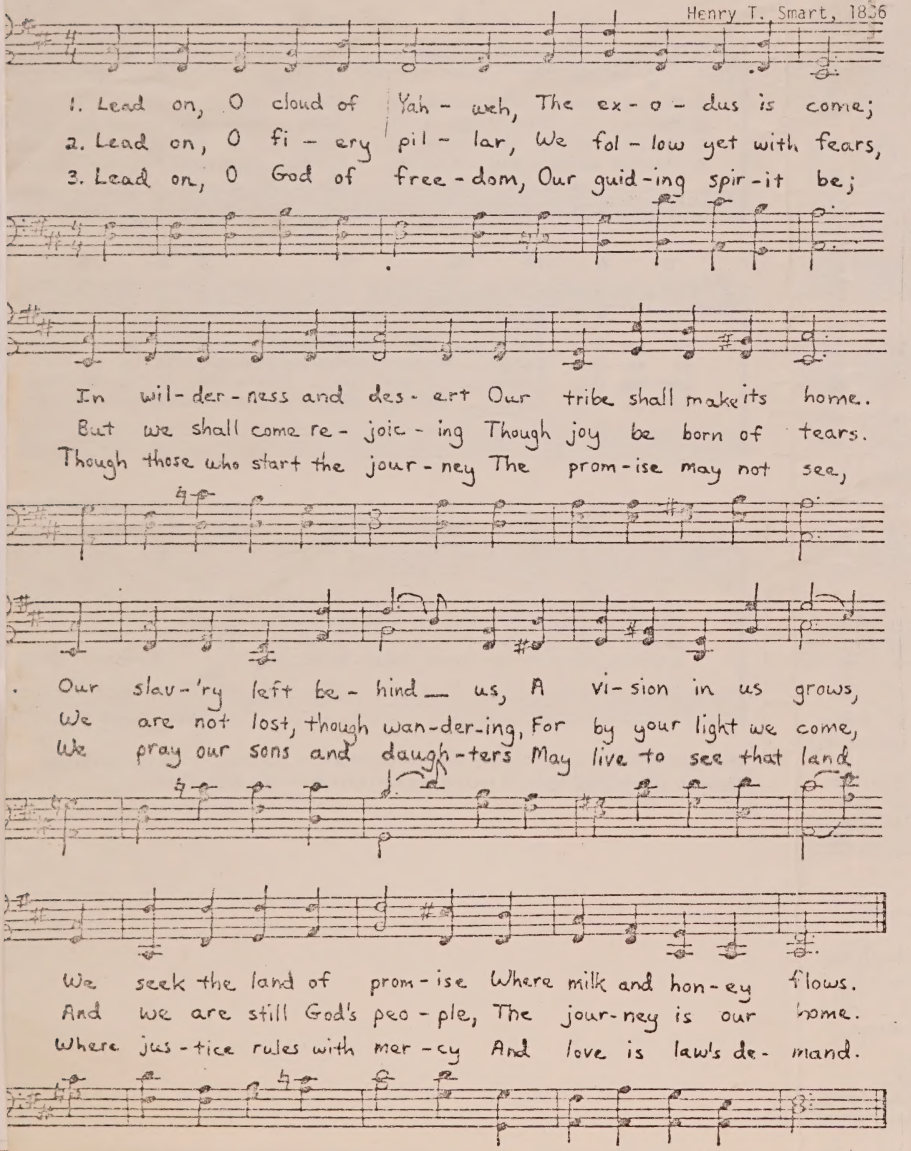

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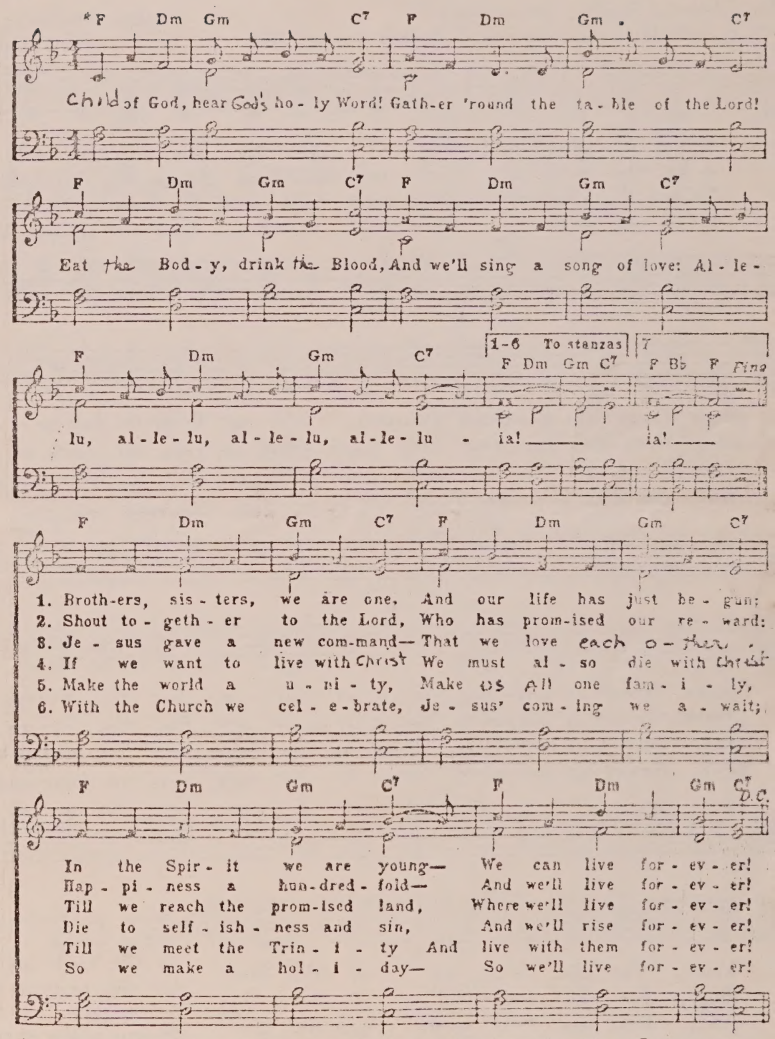

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There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus . . . . — Romans 8:1

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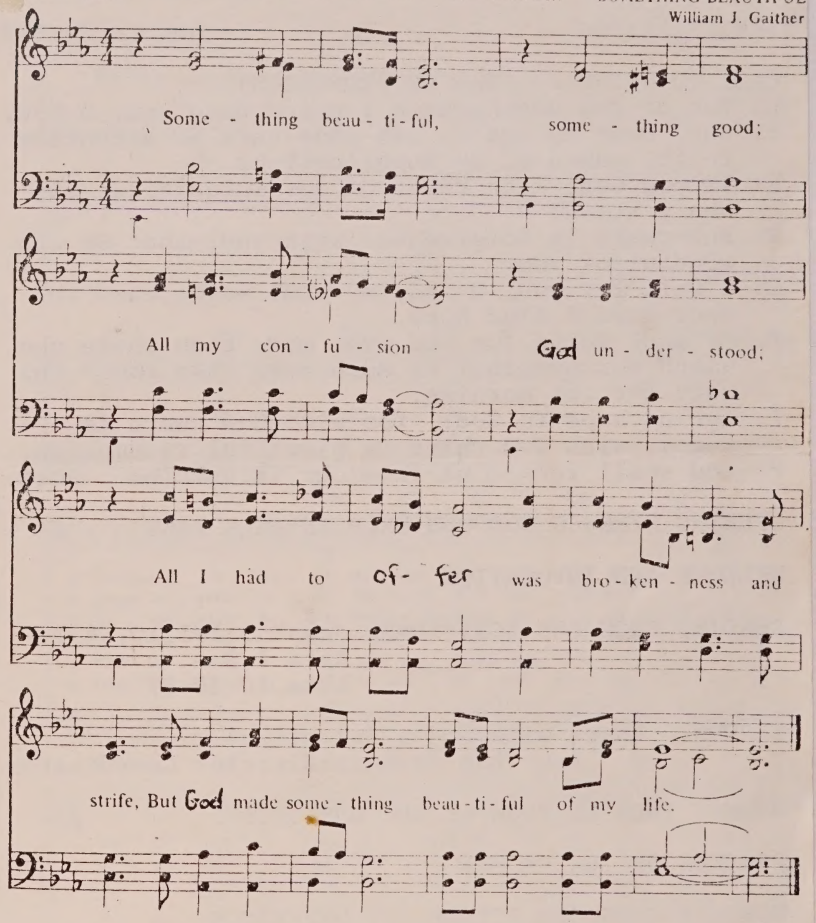

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CALL TO WORSHIP: L: God, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit nd when I arise; you know my thoughts from afar.
P: You search out my path and my lying down, and you are acquainted with all my ways.
L: Whither shall I go from your Spirit, or where whall I flee from your presence?
P: If I ascend to heaven you are there! If I make a bed in hell, you are there!
L: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the midst of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me.
P: If I say "Let darkness cover me and let there be no light," even the darkness is not dark to thee, for night is as bright as day.
L: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
P: See if there is any wickedness in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

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OPENING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Printed

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
HYMN: Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306
(Verse 1 only)

DEDICATION OF DEACONS Steven Johnson
Carl Fudge

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SPECIAL MUSIC

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE: Amos 9:13-15
I Timothy 2:12-17
John 11:17-43

SERMON: The Parable of the Frog Prince-III
Rev. Ragona

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BREAKING OF BREAD BLESSING OF THE CUP
Student Clergy Richard Creasy

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CLOSING HYMN: Lead On, O Cloud of Jahweh Printed

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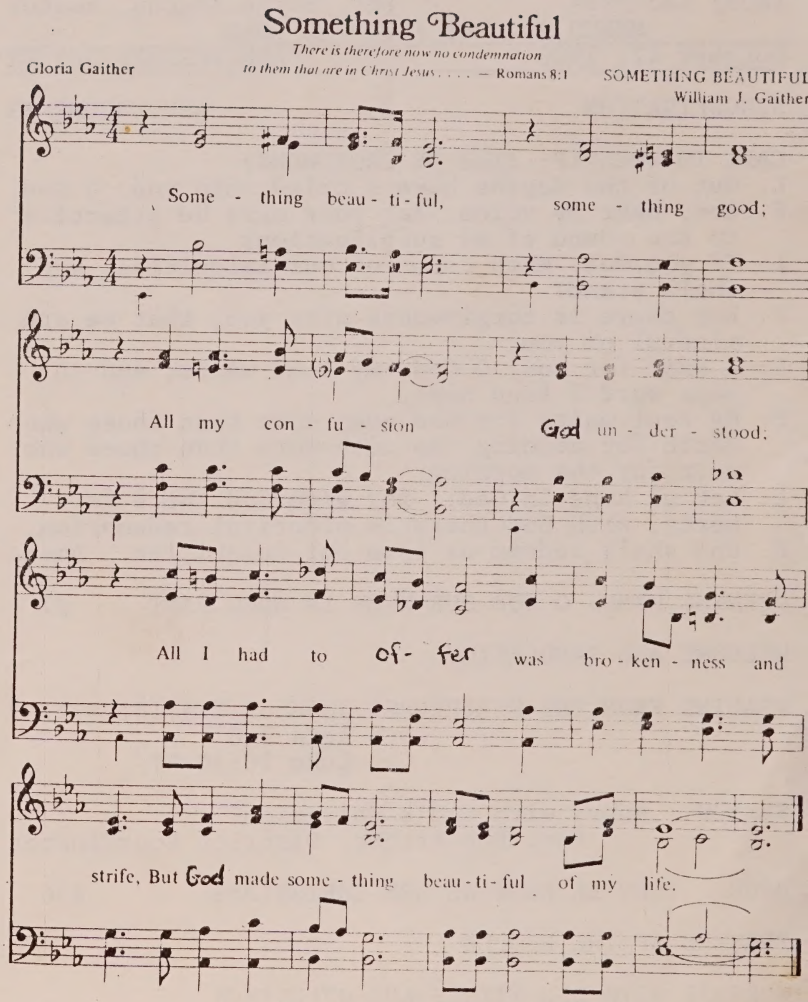

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7th Sunday after Epiphany February 20, 1983

I. CALL TO WORSHIP

II. OPENING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful! #38
Note: Replace verses 3 and 4 as follows:

Thou are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest!
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Creator and our God,
We who live in love are thine,
Teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

We who join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began
Find God's love reigning o'er us,
binding Christian souls with love
Ever singing, march we onward,
Onward in the midst of strife,
Joyful singing leads us sunward,
In our loving song of life.

III. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IV. PASSING OF THE PEACE

V. COMMON PRAYER

VI. HYMN: Sweet, Sweet Spirit Printed

VII. READING OF THE SCRIPTURES:

Deut. 26: 5-11
Romans 10: 1-13
Luke 4 : 1-13

Sermon Hymn: Plenty of Room in the Family Printed

VIII. Sermon: Leslie Phillips, Student Clergy

"Blessed are the Poor . . .
and the not-so-poor"

IX. WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Response:
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Jesus Christ in whom we grow,
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
That we in love with God may live. AMEN

X. COMMUNION HYMN: We Have This Ministry Printed

XI. BREAKING OF THE BREAD/BLESSING OF THE CUP
Rev. Paul Medling

XII: SUNG THANKSGIVING

Now our God is with us, let us make thanks-
giving, for the joy within us living.
In this holy temple, at this holy table,
hope and life God will enable.
Now we leave, and believe, that God will
restore us, for the work before us. AMEN

XIII. CLOSING HYMN: Revive Us Again Printed

BENEDICTION

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Our pastor, Rev. Ragona, will return Tuesday from Minister's Conference and the FFO Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Thursday she will begin the new study on A LAYMEN'S GUIDE TO PROTESTANT THEOLOGY. 7:30, 2/24, church parlor. Books available at the coffee hour for $3.95. See Sheila.

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REMEMBER - OUR DINNER/DANCE FUNDRAISER ON SAT. FEB. 26 from 7-12 PM downstairs.
Cash bar, gourmet food, dancing $10

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Tonight's somewhat revised format is an attempt to keep the service's length shorter. Please let either the Student Clergy persons or Vestry members know your thoughts and reactions. Thanks!

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MCC Boston in the latest Vestry meeting placed tithing in uppermost priority. Do you think you can do the same? Thank you!

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. — John 14:18

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
Doris Akers

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1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I know that it's the
2 *There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive 'Til you know Him in His*
3 If you say He saved you from your sin, Now you're weak, you're bound and

1 Spir - it of the Lord; There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each
2 *full - ness and be - lieve; You're the one to prof - it when you*
3 can - not en - ter in; You can make it right if you will

1 face, And I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
2 *say, "I am going to walk with Je - sus all the way."*
3 yield— You'll en - joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet heav - en - ly Dove, Stay right here

with us, Fill - ing us with Your love; And for these

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bless - ings We lift our hearts in praise: With - out a doubt we'll know

that we have been re - vived, When we shall leave this place.

REVIVE US AGAIN

Wm. P. Mackay — John J. Husband

1. We praise Thee, O God! for the gift of Thy love, For Je - sus who
2. We praise Thee, O God! for Thy Spir - it of light, Who has shown us our
3. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our
4. Re - vive us a - gain; fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be re-

CHORUS

died, and is now gone a - bove.
Sav - ior, and scat - tered our night. Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le-
sins, and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
kin - dled with fire from a - bove.

lu - jah! A - men; Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

Minister: Light is the symbol of the divine in man and in woman.
Response: The spirit of woman and of man is the light of the world.

Minister: Therefore in the spirit of the ancient tradition that hallows and unites the people of all lands and all ages, do we now kindle the lights of festivity and of remembrance. Blessed are You, O God, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Your light and commanded us to kindle the lights. Blessed are You, O God, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has kept us in life, and has preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season. May God bless us with joy. May God bless us with holiness. May God bless us with peace.
Response: God, we stand inside your people, and know a wholeness that can benefit it. Long ago we learned that we must regard the lilies of the field, putting our trust in you. Pressured to hide our identities and gifts, we have served you with an unyielding, fierce love in the midst of the very people who condemned us. Taught that we must feel self-loathing, nevertheless we learned of life, and now look into your face and laugh with grateful joy, God. Victims of a long and continuing torture, we asserted a stubborn faith in the justice of your Sovereignty. Negativism was drummed into us as thoroughly as if we were sheet metal. We learned what it is to be hated. Yet, despite such rejection, we insisted on attesting to the fullness and beauty of all creation, including ours, in your image. We are alive and well and standing in the midst of your very own people. Blessed are you, O God, our God, Ruler of the Universe, who calls us into your service.

THE PEACE: (Greet one another with a touch, an embrace, a handshake or a kiss. A time for the giving and accepting of blossoms.)

SONG: "If God Is Like An Eagle"
When Israel camped in Sinai,
Then Moses heard from God,
This message tell the people,
And give them this my word,
Coming for to carry me home,
But still my soul feels heavenly bound,
Coming for to carry me home.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND
THE PEOPLE OF GOD: Dignity
(All are invited to share their prayers to God as they see God to be. Trust your sisters and brothers)

OFFERING: Ecumenically Invited
Minister from Beth Ahavah: For the universe which presents a thousand places to touch base and gives a million options, let us give thanks.
Response: Amen.

Minister from the Lesbian and Gay Black Spirituality Group: For the unexpected variety and veracity of the multiformed creation of God and for God's incredible imagination, let us give thanks.
Response: Amen.

Minister from Dignity: For people who find cracks and skylights and other openings in their lives to let in light, let us give thanks.
Response: Amen.

Minister from Integrity: For communities and sometimes broken circles that discover the delight of caring and communicating around a table, let us give thanks.
Response: Amen.

Minister from Metropolitan Community Church: For letting us thoughtfully and thankfully offer to God what already does belong to God and that our thankful spirits may be fed we ask that our continued existence be blest.
Response: Amen! We are thankful.

PRAYER FOR LOVERS: (All) We thank you, O God, for our relationship and for the meaning we bring to one another. We are grateful for the bonds of loyalty, affection and love which sustain us, and which keep us close. We thank you for the capacity to love and to care. Help us to be modest in our demands of one

another, but generous in our giving to each other. May we never stop to measure how much love or encouragement we offer; may we never count the times we forgive. Rather, may we always be grateful that we have one another and that we are able to express ourselves in acts of love and kindness. Keep us gentle in our speech. When we offer words of criticism, may they be chosen with care and spoken softly. May we waste no opportunity to speak words of empathy, of appreciation, of praise. Bless us with, health, happiness and contentment. Above all, grant us the wisdom to develop our relationship in ways in which you will always be with us.

AN ACT OF COMMEMORATION PERFORMED WHILE SINGING:
(People are invited to come forward to cover a large pink triangle with blossoms)

Refrain: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
God's love continues on!

Our joy is in the knowledge
That our God has been revealed,
In a love so great to everyone,
It cannot be concealed.
In honoring our heritage,
Our lives must not be sealed,
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AN INTERFAITH
LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

1319 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 21, 7:30 PM
1984

Beth Ahavah
Caritas
Dignity
Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns
G.L.I.R.C.O.R.S.
Integrity
Lesbian and Gay Black Spirituality Group
Metropolitan Community Church
Parents and Friends of Gays
Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns

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We are an angry, gentle people,
and we're singing, singing for our lives.
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We are a Gay and Lesbian people...
This is the land that God has given us...
We are a many-colored people...
We are a young and older people...
We are a strong and gentle people...

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME AND STATE THE OCCASION: G.L.I.R.C.O.R.S.
G.L.I.R.C.O.R.S.

Minister: Peace be with you.
Response: And with you.

Minister: We are gathered here to celebrate our kinship under God and to remember Gay and Lesbian sisters and brothers who have died in almost every land and time...unknown, unnamed, unmourned and unremembered.
Response: We are here to celebrate the most marvelous fact of the universe...that God loves us and accepts us just as we were created to be... Allelujah!

WE LIGHT THE CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECALL THE LARGER COMMUNITY: Caritas

Minister: Light is the symbol of the divine.
Response; God is our light and our salvation.

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For the aged and infirm, for the bereaved, for the sick and suffering...Hear our prayer, O God.

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them...Hear our prayer, O God.

For all who have died in the hope of resurrection, and for all the departed...Hear our prayer, O God.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression and degradation...Hear our prayer, O God.

For peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, for the salvation of our souls, and for the absolutiona and remission of our sins and offenses...Hear our prayer, O God.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach...Hear our prayer, O God.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O God, by thy grace...Hear our prayer, O God.

RESPONSE: Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayer, O God.
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Jesus Christ and in God grow;
Praise to the Holy Spirit give,
That we, in love, with God may live. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L; For the universe which presents a thousand places for us to touch base and which gives a million options.
P: Let us give thanks.

L: For the unexpected variety and veracity of the multi-formed creation of God, and for God's incredible imagination.
P: Let us give thanks.

L: For people who find cracks and skylights and other openings in their lives to let in light.
P: Let us give thanks.

L: For communities and circles that discover the delight of caring and communicating around a table.
P: Let us give thanks.

L: For letting us thoughtfully and thankfully offer to God what already does belong to God, and that our thankful spirits may be fed, we ask that our continued existence may be blessed.
P: We give you thanks. Amen.

HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling P. 1 AH

PRAYER FOR LOVERS (In unison)

We thank you, O God, for our relationships, and for the meaning we bring to one another. We are grateful for the bonds of loyalty, affection, and love which sustains us, and which keeps us close. We thank you for the capacity to love and to care. Help us to be modest in our demands of one another, but generous in giving to one another. May we never stop to measure how much love or encouragement we offer; may we never count the times we forgive. Rather, may we be always grateful that we have one another, and that we are able to express ourselves in acts of love and kindness. Keep us gentle in our speech. When we offer words of criticism, may they be chosen with care and spoken softly. May we waste no opportunity to speak words of empathy, of appreciation and praise. Bless us with health, happiness, and contentment. Above all, grant us the wisdom to develop our relationships in ways in which you will always be with us.

COMMUNION HYMN: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah Insert

CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY

Candle 1. The first candle is in memory of all who wore the pink triangle during the regime of Adolph Hitler. These were the poeple whose lives were taken because this man wanted to annihilate all traces of our community. We do not know how many of our people died, some have said 250,000. We do know that six million Jews and hundreds of thousands of Gypsies were also destroyed at this time.

Candle 2. The second candle is in memory of all those who have lost their lives in fires set in our community, sometimes by ourselves, sometimes by our enemies. We remember 33 victims of the Upstairs fire in New Orleans, 27 victims of the Everard Baths fire in New York, 10 victims of the Washington movie theater fire. We remember churches who would not allow funeral services to be conducted in their sanctuaries, families who would not claim the bodies, and lovers who were forbidden to attend their burials.

Candle 3. The third candle is for all who have died with AIDS. We are praying for healing for those who are now afflicted, and for a cure so that others will be healed.

Candle 4. The fourth candle is in memory of those who have lost their lives simply because they were Gay or Lesbian: for our sisters who were burned as witches; for our brothers who were "faggots" for the heretics' fires; for sisters and brothers who were attacked and killed by "queer-bashers"; for those who took their own lives; and for those who are

on a path of self destruction because they believed the lie, "God does not love you."

CELEBRATION OF UNITY

You are asked to take the pink triangle from your bulletin and pin it on, in a statement by action. "We are united by this action with those who have gone before."

COMMUNION HYMN: Near To The Heart Of God P.11 AH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I am often lonely God; I have difficulty getting out of myself and into the lives of others; into the mainstream of life and living. I am often neglectful, God. I neglect those about me, and my life with God. I neglect my world and its needs. I neglect myself. I am often prideful, God. I not only play God, but there are times I reall believe that I am God-like. I hope others will see my accomplishments and worship me. But I am a child of God, and in that fact rests the hope of worthiness I claim as a person. I bear a relationship will all who share my humanity. I am one who is forgiven, and who is privileged to live under the claim of God's graciousness. For this I thank God, and claim God's love and forgiveness to help me live anew in touch with myself, with others and with God. In the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...(Our creator, who art in heaven...)

L: God be with you. P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts. P: We lift them up to God.
L: Let us give thanks. P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS: Holy, holy, holy God of power and grace: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

CLOSING HYMN: Forward Through the Ages P.12 AH

BENEDICTION

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You are invited to remain after the service for coffee and cake.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors following the coffee hour.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at 7:30, Bible Study at 8:30.
Thursday, Work and Rap at Angel and Bena's, 7:30.
Saturday, Fellowship (to be announced).

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Holocaust Memorial Sunday July 8,1984

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will praise the name of God in song, and glorify God with thanksgiving.
P: This will please God more than many sacrifices.
L: "See, you lowly ones, and be glad, you who seek for God; let your hearts be merry,
P: For God hears the poor and those who are in bonds will not be spurned."
L: Let the heavens and earth praise God, the seas and all that moves in them.
P: Answer us, O God, for boundless is your kindness, and in mercy turn toward us.

L: We are gathered here to celebrate our kinship under God, and to remember our sisters and brothers who have died in almost every land and time...unknown, unnamed, unmourned, and unremembered.
P: We are here to celebrate the most marvelous fact of the universe...that God loves us and accepts us just as we were created to be. Alleluia.

OPENING HYMN: If God Is Like An Eagle P.19 AH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME - THE RITE OF BAPTISM

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES
Jeremiah 20:7-13, Romans 5:1-6, Matthew 10:16-33

SERMON: Holocausts and Other Fires Rev. Ragona

HYMN: I'm Not Afraid Any More P.17A&B AH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to God, saying, "Hear our prayer, O God."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of all people, and for unity in the church...Hear our prayer, O God.

For all political leaders, for all in authority, and for those who make laws...Hear our prayer, O God.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them...Hear our prayer, O God.

For the good earth which God has given us, for seasonable weather, and for an abundance of fruits of the earth; for the wisdom and will to conserve the earth...Hear our prayer, O God.